Documentaries on political leaders

2179. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names and number of documentaries/features/serials telecast on political leaders of the country since 1st January, 1991 till date;

(b) time given to each of them and the channel from where these were telecast;

(c) coverage given during news time on aforesaid occasions; and

(d) criteria adopted for selection for such telecasts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) It has always been the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes on eminent leaders and to suitably cover in the news bulletins the celebrations connected with their birth anniversaries. However, telecast of such programme is dependent on programme requirements on such occasions. Details of such programmes telecast and coverage given in the news bulletins by different Doordarshan Kendras from 1st January, 1991 till date are not kept centrally in a compiled from.

Mismanagement and misuse of Hyderabad Television and Radio

2180. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Telegraph of 23rd September, 1991 regarding mismanagement and misuse of AIR station and Doordarshan Kendra Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what corrective measures Government propose to take in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) An enquiry into the allegations against the All India Radio Station and Doordarshan Kendra at Hydrabad as contained in a report which appeared in 'The Telegraph' dated 23-9-1991 was conducted. It was found that except for one allegation regarding misuse of Doordarshan for election purposes which had been taken note of by the Election Commission (without any suggested action), no other allegations have been substantiated.

Review of major media units

2181. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the role of major media units has ben undertaken by the Government;

(b) if so, the names of such units with their backround;

(c) whether any amount is likely to be spent on this exercise; and

(d) if so, details thereof; unit-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No review of the role of major media units has been undertaken by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. However, a Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor M. N. Srinivas to review the performance of IIMC, was set up in February, 1989. The Committee consisted of nine members including the Chairman held 7 sittings and discusstd the functioning of IIMC since the last review conducted in 1974. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government in June, 1991.

(b) The Indian Institute of Mass Communication is an autonomous body and registered on 22-1-1966 under the Societies Registration Act, (XXI) of 1860. The Institute functions as an autonomous cen-